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1. (BEGIN SUMMARY. ISRAEL, OFTEN DIVIDED AND FRACTIOUS, IS SOLIDLY UNITED TODAY BEHIND PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S CONDEMNATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS. THE UNGA VOTES ON THE ZIONIST RESOLUTION AND ON THE TWO RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH THE PALESTINIANS CAME AS NO SURPRISE, AND THE REACTION HERE HAS BEEN JUST AS PREDICTABLE. ISRAELIS ACROSS THE BOARD REGARD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS VIRTUALLY BANKRUPT AND ARE CATEGORIC IN THEIR REFUSAL TO CONSIDER ANY FORM OF COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE DECISIONS. AT SAME TIME, THE STRONG MAJORITIES BEHIND THE RESOLUTIONS HAVE UNDERSCORED AGAIN THE POWER OF THE THIRD WORLD/COMMUNIST BLOCS ON ISSUES RELATED TO ISRAEL, AND ALSO

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PROVIDED A SHARP REMINDER HERE OF HOW THIN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL HAS

BECOME. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER RABIN, IN A BRIEF, STRONGLY-WORDED STATEMENT ISSUED AS SOON AS THE RESULTS ON THE TWO PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS WERE KNOWN IN JERUSALEM, DECEIBED THEM AS A CONSPRIACY AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT OF EXISTENCE, AND A SETBACK TO UN EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES. RABIN ADDED THAT THESE RESOLUTIONS, AS DISTINT FROM PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, COMBINED AN IDEOLOGICAL ANTI-ZIONIST ASPECT WITH A FACTUAL ANTI-ISRAELI ASPECT. DESCRIBING THE RESOLUTION AS DEVOID OF ANY MORAL VALIDITY, RABIN SAID THT ISRAEL WILL NOT COOPERATE IN ANY WAY WITH THE COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON, WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPOSES THE INVITATION TO THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE AT A GENEVA CONFERENCE. IN CONCLUSION, RABIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE NATIONS THAT DID NOT VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTIONS, AND WHICH DID NOT SURRENDER TO APPEASEMENT OF ISRAEL'S ENEMIES.

3. INEVITABLY, UN VOTING AND PREPARATIONS FOR MASS RALLY IN NEW YORK AGAINST THE RESOLUTIONS DOMINATE ALL MEDIA. ISRAELI RADIO CARRIED EXTRACTS FROM STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADORS MOYNIHAN AND HERZOG, DESCRIPTIONS OF THE UNGA PROCEEDINGS, INITIAL REACTION BY SENATOR JACKSON AND COMMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL BY DUTCH FM VAN DER STOEL TO VISITNG ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. RADIO AND PRESS ALSO CARRY AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS AT HISTADRUT DINNER CRITICIZING UNGA VOTING AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT OUTCOME WILL NOT AFFECT CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL OR RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S.

4. ISRAELI EDITORIALISTS, IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNATIONS OF THIRD WORLD/COMMUNIST BLOC AND PREDICTIONS FOR CONTINUED DECLINE OF UN'S PRESTIGE AND RELEVANCE, HAVE DEVOTED ATTENTION TO IMPLICATIONS OF UN VOTES FOR ISRAELI TREATMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. LIBERAL MORNING PRESS HAS AGAIN RETURNED TO THEME EMPHASIZED IN LAST WEEK THAT ISRAEL MUST DEVELOP ITS OWN PALESTINIAN POLICY. HAARETZ AND DAVAR EDITORIALISTS URGE GOI TO ATTEMPT FORMULATION OF MORE ACTIVE POLICY INITIATIVE ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION, STATING THAT SIMPLE REITERATION OF WLLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH JORDAN FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS AN INSUFFICIENT REPLY TO CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY ARAB STATES AND PLO IN UN DEBATES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHARACTERISTICALLY, EDITORIALISTS ARE UNABLE TO COME UP WITH CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS OF THEIR OWN.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS A DISTINCTLY DEJA VU QUALITY TO THE ISRAELI REACTION TO THE UN VOTES, VIRTUALLY A REPLAY OF WHAT WAS SAID HERE IN RESPONSE TO ARAFAT'S UNGA APPEARANCE A YEAR AGO (TEL AVIV 6575, NOV. 14, 1974). IT IS A MEASURE OF HOW LITTLE NEW THINKING THERE HAS BEEN HERE ON THE PALESTINIAN

QUESTION IN THE INTERIM THAT COMMENTATORS ARE RE-
WRITING WHAT THEY WROTE THEN, AND THAT GOVERNMENT LEADERS
ARE AGAIN TALKING VAGUELY--AS THEY DID THEN--ABOUT ENLARGING
THE SPHERE OF AUTONOMY FOR THE WEST BANK ARABS.
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